

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** An electronic data room, comprising:

(a) an electronic reference center, wherein data is stored representing best practices for deal due diligence;

(b) an electronic digital war room, wherein due diligence data is stored and accessed along with due diligence results, and the war room includes at least one of the following legal and financial findings and legal and financial documents;

(c) an electronic data repository containing a checklist of due diligence activities;

(d) a machine-accessible storage medium configured to store one or any combination of the electronic reference center, the electronic digital war room, and the electronic data repository; [[and]]

(e) a plurality of network enabled devices configured to access the items stored on the storage medium, and having a display configured to display the accessed items; and

(f) a portal containing access points to the electronic reference center and the electronic digital war room, wherein the electronic digital war room access point is linked to access points for individual deals.

2. **(Previously Presented)** The electronic data room of claim 1, wherein data is stored in said electronic reference center representing an overview of a deal process.

3.     **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1 wherein data is stored in said electronic reference center representing a glossary of deal terms.
4.     **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1 wherein data is stored in said electronic reference center representing recommended best practices.
5.     **(Previously Presented)** The electronic data room of claim 4, wherein said data representing recommended best practices is available to a user in a separated format, wherein best practices for a first functional area are available to said user separately from best practices for a second functional area.
6.     **(Cancelled)**
7.     **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said data in said digital war room is reserved for use by at least one functional team.
8.     **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said data in said digital war room is reserved for an integration team, wherein said data in said digital war room relates to integrating a first company or an asset into a second company.
9.     **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1 wherein data is stored in the digital war room representing a list of milestones to be reached after the conclusion of a deal.

10. **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1, further comprising a user interface for browsing said data in said digital war room, wherein said user interface comprises a link to said electronic reference center.

11. **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 10, wherein said link to said electronic reference center is a link to data in said reference center corresponding to the data in said digital war room that appears with said link.

12. **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1 wherein said data repository also contains data obtained as a result of a due diligence process.

13. **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 12 wherein said electronic data room is used by a first company, and said data obtained as a result of a due diligence process was obtained from a second company.

14. **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1 further comprising a list of contacts.

15. **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1 further comprising a means for authenticating entry into said room.

16. **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 15, wherein said authenticating means is operable to permit some users to edit a portion of said data, and said authenticating means is also operable to prevent other users from editing said portion of said data.

17. **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1 further comprising a means for updating said data.

18. **(Original)** The electronic data room of claim 1 further comprising a user interface wherein users are given the option of posting messages regarding a particular piece of said data.

19. **(Currently Amended)** A method of storing and providing access to electronic data, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an electronic reference center wherein data is stored representing best practices for deal due diligence;

(b) providing an electronic digital war room, wherein due diligence data is stored and accessed along with due diligence results, the war room includes at least one of the following legal and financial findings and legal and financial documents;

(c) providing an electronic data repository containing a checklist of due diligence activities;

(d) storing on a machine-accessible storage medium one or any combination of the electronic reference center, the electronic digital war room, and the electronic data repository; [[and]]

(e) providing a plurality of network enabled devices having a processor configured to access the items stored on the storage medium, and having a display configured to display the accessed items; and

(f) providing a portal which allows access to the electronic reference center and the electronic digital war room, wherein access to the electronic digital war room is linked to access for individual deals.

20. **(Original)** The method of claim 19, wherein data is stored in said electronic reference center representing an overview of the deal process.

21. **(Original)** The method of claim 19 wherein data is stored in said electronic reference center representing a glossary of deal terms.

22. **(Original)** The method of claim 19 wherein data is stored in said electronic reference center representing recommended best practices.

23. **(Original)** The method of claim 22 wherein said data representing recommended best practices is available to a user in a separated format, wherein best practices for a first area are available to said user separately from best practices for a second area.

24. **(Cancelled)**

25. **(Original)** The method of claim 19 wherein at least a portion of said digital war room is reserved for use by at least one functional team.

26. **(Original)** The method of claim 19 wherein at least a portion of said data in said digital war room is reserved for an integration team, wherein said data in said digital war room relates to integrating a first company or an asset into a second company.

27. **(Original)** The method of claim 19 wherein data is stored in the digital war room representing a list of milestones to be reached after the conclusion of a deal.

28. **(Original)** The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of providing a user interface for browsing said data in said digital war room, wherein said user interface comprises a link to said electronic reference center.

29. **(Original)** The method of claim 28, wherein said link to said electronic reference center is a link to data in said reference center corresponding to the data in said digital war room that appears with said link.

30. **(Original)** The method of claim 19 wherein said data repository also contains data obtained as a result of a due diligence process.

31. **(Original)** The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of providing a list of contacts.

32. **(Original)** The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of authenticating entry into said room.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of permitting some users to edit a portion of said data, and preventing other users from editing said portion of said data.

34. **(Original)** The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of allowing users to update said data.

35. **(Original)** The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of providing a user interface wherein users are given the option of posting messages regarding a particular piece of said data.